

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to call for providing audibly a plurality of user selectable message options and allowing the user to compile a message by selecting from among those available message options by making key selections. Thus, the audible messages may be selected by making a key selection, for example, by operating the key at the time of an audible message.

The cited reference to Evans does not teach any type of audible message composition. To this end, the Examiner cites the Pelletier reference. But all Pelletier mentions is the possibility of receiving audible inputs. Pelletier provides no teaching of how to select from among a plurality of audible options. In the case claimed, the plurality of audibly offered options may be selected by making a key entry.

Particularly, the Pelletier system does not provide a number of different user selectable options. The cited material simply allows the user to say or press a digit. In the claimed invention, for example, the system could say 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 and a key entry would be made to select an audible option. In contrast, in the cited art, all that is done is that the user can either make a key entry (e.g., 5) or make an audible selection (e.g., say 5).

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

On a similar analysis, the other claims should likewise be allowable.

Concerning the use of numeral 26 and script letters, it is noted that 26 is utilized to indicate one type of message segment, then message segments that are different, but are within that same type, are given letter designations. Thus, it is not believed that there should be any confusion. However, if the Examiner prefers, the Applicant would be willing to simply get rid of the letter designations from the specification and the drawings.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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